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Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR :—“ May I know the reason for the delay especially when the opinions of the Collector and the taluk board are there ? ”

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—“ Government are examining the possible advantages of such a bifurcation. ”

Mr. C. N. MUTHURANGA MUDALIYAR :—“ Is it a fact that the Collector has opined that the proposal was prompted by political considerations ? ”

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—“ I believe people did think so. ”

Mr. C. N. MUTHURANGA MUDALIYAR :—“ In view of the fact that a resolution has been tabled on this subject and in view of the statement of the hon. Minister that the Local Boards Act will be amended, may I ask the hon. Minister to postpone the consideration of this question till the Act is amended ? ”

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—“ I shall consider the matter carefully. ”

Mr. P. BHAKTAVATSULU NAYUDU :—“ May I know from whom this idea of bifurcation originated at first ? ”

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—“ I want notice of the question. ”

Mr. P. BHAKTAVATSULU NAYUDU :—“ What was the danger that was suddenly apprehended to avert which this bifurcation was proposed ? ”

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—“ It was found that the area was rather too large to be under one taluk board. ”

Mr. P. BHAKTAVATSULU NAYUDU :—“ From what source did this information reach the Government ? ”

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—“ From the President, District Board. ”

Mr. P. BHAKTAVATSULU NAYUDU :—“ What was the approximate date when this information was sent to the Government ? ”

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—“ I want notice of the question. ”

Mr. P. BHAKTAVATSULU NAYUDU :—“ What are the special circumstances of this taluk board for considering its bifurcation apart from so many other taluk boards in the Presidency ? ”

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—“ I want notice of the question. ”

Public Works

Public Works subdivisions in South Kanara and Malabar.

* 129 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) the number of Public Works subdivisions in the districts of South Kanara and Malabar with their headquarters ;

(b) whether it is proposed to transfer the headquarters of the Northern subdivision now at Mangalore to Tellicherry and, if so, on what grounds ; and

(c) what action Government have taken or propose to take ?

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A.—(a) There is one Public Works subdivision in the South Kanara district called the Northern subdivision with headquarters at Mangalore, and another subdivision in the Malabar district called the Southern subdivision with headquarters at Calicut.

(b) & (c) The Government understand that the Executive Engineer, West Coast division, has proposed the transfer of the headquarters of the Northern subdivision to Tellicherry mainly on the ground that the majority of works are in the North Malabar district while in the South Kanara district there is very little work except in Mangalore and that in consequence large expenditure on travelling allowance, much inconvenience and waste of time are caused by the headquarters being at Mangalore. The Superintending Engineer has asked the Executive Engineer to bring forward the proposal after the question of forming a third subdivision which is under consideration has been settled.

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" May I ask how it happens that there are so few public works in South Kanara while all the works are concentrated in Malabar thereby requiring two divisions ? "

The hon. Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" I thought the hon. Member wanted to know the number of divisions and whether there was any proposal to transfer the headquarters of one of them from Mangalore to South Kanara. But now my hon. Friend wants some other information. The proposal for transfer is perhaps due to the paucity of works, I can't say."

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" Sir, our district is neglected in such a manner that there are not a sufficient number of public works and they are going to remove the headquarters"

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" The question why South Kanara is made to starve in the matter of public works does not arise out of this question."

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Civil Justice

Munsif's Court for Anantapur town.

130 Q.—Mr. A. PARASURAMA RAO : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the High Court of Judicature at Madras recommended a Munsif's Court for Anantapur town ; and

(b) whether any orders have been passed thereon by the Government ?

A.—(a) & (b) The matter is under the consideration of Government.

Sub-Court at Cuddapah.

131 Q.—Mr. A. PARASURAMA RAO : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) for what period was the present Sub-Court at Cuddapah established